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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

**5 METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MONITORING COMPATIBILITY OF
 SOFTWARE COMBINATIONS**

 The present invention provides a method, apparatus,
and computer instructions for testing compatibility of
10 software versions, the method comprising the computer
implemented steps of performing an inventory on an
existing set of software modules resident in the data
processing system responsive to an installation of a new
software module in a data processing system; referring to
15 a knowledge base of versions of respective software
modules to determine whether the new software module is
compatible with the existing set of software modules; and
testing the new software module in a test data processing
system in combination with the existing set of software
20 modules in response to a negative determination.